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In re patent application of: CARTER

Serial No.: 09/616,962

Filed: July 14, 2002

For: MODIFIED SERUM ALBUMIN WITH REDUCED
AFFINITY FOR NICKEL AND COPPER

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Art Unit: 1634

Docket #: P06652US0/BAS

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Attached is:

- ☒ a Response to Final Rejection dated September 11, 2002 and Submission of
Rule 131 Declaration with Exhibits A-C
- ☐ a response to the Office Action dated
- ☒ a Notice of Appeal
- ☒ a Petition for an extension of time
- ☐ Other:

Fees: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:

	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
TOTAL CLAIMS	9	21		X \$ 18 =	
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	5		X \$ 84 =	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					
Reduction by 1/2 for small entity status of applicant					
SUBTOTAL =					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					465
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other fee for Notice of Appeal					160
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					625

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$625 is enclosed. If no check or an insufficient check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

- ☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION
AND SUBMISSION OF RULE 131 DECLARATION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated September 11, 2002, Applicant now places this case in condition for allowance for the reasons that follow:

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant herein provides a Rule 131 Declaration which removes the cited prior art reference and makes moot the only outstanding rejection of the claims. Applicant submits that this case is now thereby placed in condition for allowance.

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner indicated that Claims 29 and 30 were in condition for allowance, and such an indication is acknowledged with appreciation.

The Examiner rejected Claims 22-28, but only on the basis of 35 U.S.C. §102(a), by virtue of the Bar-Or PCT reference having a publication date of April 13, 2000, less